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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to liberalise the norms for foreign academicians who want to teach at the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs);
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(c) whether the Ministry of HRD has sorted out the matter with the Ministries of External Affairs and Home Affairs in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government has also plans to incentivize foreign faculty members to teach at IITs; and
(e) if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken by the Government to increase the number of foreign faculty members at IITs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) to (e): The issues relating to liberalizing the norms for foreign academicians were discussed in a meeting held in the Ministry on October 3, 2016 with representatives of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). There was broad consensus on liberalizing the existing regulatory regime so that more foreign faculty can teach in India. The foreign faculty is incentivized with same emoluments as their Indian counterparts. It is proposed to conduct interviews in select foreign countries so as to recruit suitable foreign faculty in to IITs.
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